

Heriot School Board of Trustees Newsletter

Tuesday 25 October 2016

Welcome to the Board of Trustees October newsletter. Firstly a huge **thank you** to all of the families that were able to help at the school tailing this year. We appreciate this is a very busy time of year for everyone and we are very grateful that so many people were able to help.

Working Bee

What a great day at the working bee. Thank you to those that were able to help. Again it was a big ask getting parents to give up their time two weeks in a row. We were able to paint the Basketball back-boards, get the vegetable gardens ready, mark out the rugby field and sprint tracks, tidy up the shrubs and get Room 3 in order. Many hands make light work and the BOT appreciates the time given by parents to create a pleasant learning & play environment for our children.

Community Consultation

At the end of term 3 the BOT conducted a community consultation. The consultation is very important to the BOT as it provides us with the viewpoint of our community feels we are doing well and where we need to make improvements. The board has gathered some very valuable information from our school community which we will use as a building block for our Charter. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

The board has been working on the draft stages of our school strategic goals for the upcoming year. We will be using the information collected from the community consultation, mid and end year student achievement data, and the school evaluation indicators to create a charter which is meaningful to our community. From this Mr McHutcheon, together with his teaching team, will provide learning opportunities based around the strategic goals.

The new BOT members are making a great contribution at the board table with their new portfolios; Andrew Herriot: Health and Safety, Blair Young: Property, Judy Miller: Policies, and Aimee Keenan's curriculum and staff insight. Our new secretary Melissa Ellison has taken up the challenge of minute secretary and is doing a wonderful job.

Kind Regards
Angela McHutcheon

Chairperson